Beautiful Plains School Division

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

May 5, 2026

Present: Chairperson R. Manns, Vice Chairperson G. Hunter and Trustees L. Biehn K. Guillas, S. Kohinski, J. McNeily

Also Present: J. Young, K. Reynolds, S. Bayes

Regrets: R. Toews

BPTA: R. Forsman (Regular Meeting Only)

In Camera

1. Superintendent's Confidential Report

    a) Request for Maternity/Parental Leave
    b) Colony Meetings
    c) BPTA/Board Supper Follow-up
    d) Superintendent Evaluation/Contract

2. Secretary-Treasurer's Confidential Report

    a) Leave Request
    b) Support Staff
    c) 2025-26 financial forecast
    d) Student Transportation
    e) Five Year Capital Plan

3. Senior Admin Expenses

The Business Meeting was called to order at 6:43 p.m.

1. The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. The minutes of the April 21, 2026 Regular Board meeting were approved as circulated.

3. Superintendent's Business Report

    a) Kinnon Hnidy was employed as a teacher on a full time limited term teacher general contract effective June 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026 and assigned to Neepawa Middle School.

    b) Kaitlin Hofer was employed as a teacher on a full time limited term teacher general contract effective September 8, 2026 to June 30, 2027 and assigned to Acadia Colony School.

c) Perline Romero was employed as a teacher on a full time limited term teacher general contract effective September 8, 2026 to June 30, 2027 and assigned to Willerton School.

d) The request for maternity/parental leave from June 17, 2026 to September 7, 2027, as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item a) of this date was approved.

e) 2025-2026 Substitute Teachers: Kale Rushing, Taryn McConechy

4. Secretary-Treasurer's Business Report

a) The request for 1 day leave without pay, above and beyond the provisions provided in Policy G.C.C. as outlined in the Secretary-Treasurer's Confidential Report item a) of this date was approved.

b) The school funds reports for the period of April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 for the following schools were received:
Brookdale School
Hazel M. Kellington School
J.M. Young School
R. J. Waugh School

c) Resignation from Warren Rainka, Transportation Supervisor was accepted effective August 28, 2026.

d) The RFP from Jacobson Commercial Ltd. for the JM Young Hygiene Room Project in the amount of $338,823.07 plus GST was accepted.

e) Shannon Bayes was appointed the Senior Election Official for the 2026 School Board Trustee Elections.

f) The schedule for payment of election officers for 2026 was approved.

5. Other Reports

a) MSBA - 2026 Record of Proceedings were circulated. It was noted that five of our seven trustees received long service awards.

b) MSBA - Election Webinar Flyer 2026 - MSBA is providing a webinar virtually for those thinking of running for School Trustee. There are two dates and there is no need to pre-register.

c) MSBA - Memo - Call for Mentors - April 2026 - This mentorship is to help those members of the public who are interested in trusteeship. If trustees are interested, they may contact MSBA.

6. Superintendent's Information and Correspondence

   a) Colony Elder Meetings –Trustees and Colony Elders met to share information and discussions affecting colony schools. Programming for high school students is changing and the division will continue to review and propose options to consider.

   b) Vocational School Vision – A review of the journey we have taken to get to where we are today was presented. This journey has been a dynamic and extremely trying time to get to this vision of something better. The vision of a regional vocational high school in Neepawa is to serve our students, our communities and our schools to meet the need in Westman and all the communities within.

7. Secretary-Treasurer's Information and Correspondence

   a) Neepawa Middle School Classroom Addition Update – Work is progressing quickly with multiple trades onsite daily. The addition is in various stages of completion with most of the classrooms ready to be painted and ceiling installed. The targeted completion remains as mid-summer.

8. Open Forum

   a) Board quote was approved for circulation.

   b) Coming Events were circulated.

   c) Board Tour Colony Schools – Trustees and Colony Leaders are both open to Trustees visiting colony schools at a time that works for both.

Resolutions:

1. That the agenda be approved as circulated. *Carried*

2. That the minutes of the April 21, 2026 Regular Board Meeting be approved as circulated. *Carried*

3. That Kinnon Hnidy be employed as a teacher on a full time limited term teacher general contract effective June 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026 and assigned to Neepawa Middle School. *Carried*

4. That Kaitlin Hofer be employed as a teacher on a full time limited term teacher general contract effective September 8, 2026 to June 30, 2027 and assigned to Acadia Colony School. *Carried*

5. That Perline Romero be employed as a teacher on a full time limited term teacher general contract effective September 8, 2026 to June 30, 2027 and assigned to Willerton School. *Carried*

6. That the request for maternity/parental leave from June 17, 2026 to September 7, 2027, as outlined in the Superintendent's Confidential Report item a) of this date be approved. *Carried*

7. That the request for 1 day leave without pay, above and beyond the provisions provided in Policy G.C.C. as outlined in the Secretary-Treasurer's Confidential Report item a) of this date be approved. *Carried*

8. That the school funds reports for the period of April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 for the following schools be received:

   Brookdale School
   Hazel M. Kellington School
   J.M. Young School
   R. J. Waugh School *Carried*

9. That the RFP from Jacobson Commercial Ltd. for the JM Young Hygiene Room Project in the amount of $338,823.07 plus GST be accepted. *Carried*

10. That Shannon Bayes be appointed the Senior Election Official for the 2026 School Board Trustee Elections. *Carried*

11. That the attached schedule for payment of election officers for 2026 be approved. *Carried*

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

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